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**NDCA and Governor Dalrymple Announce Recipients of  
2015 Governor's Awards for the Arts**

**Awards ceremony set for Tuesday, March 31, 2015  
at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck, ND**

Bismarck, ND – Governor Jack Dalrymple has chosen the recipients of the 2015 Governor's Awards for the Arts. They are as follows: Individual Achievement: Keith Bear of New Town; Linda Christman of Bismarck; and Chuck Suchy of Mandan; Arts in Education: Marilyn Johnson of Bismarck; and Annette Rorvig of McVile.

The Governor's Awards for the Arts were established in 1977 as a way of recognizing individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the arts throughout the state. Recipients are chosen for their efforts to expand arts opportunities to new audiences, create an appreciation for North Dakota's cultural heritage, and make the arts more central to education and an integral part of community life as well as on their length of service within the state. The four possible nomination categories are Individual Achievement, Arts Organization, Arts in Education, and Private Business. Awards are given to the top candidates, regardless of the category they represent.

The awards reception and ceremony honoring this year's recipients will be held on Tuesday, March 31, at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck. A reception/social hour starts at 5:15 p.m. in the Northern Lights Atrium, followed by the awards presentation at 6:30 p.m. in the Russell Reid Auditorium. The general public is invited to attend this wonderful celebration of the arts in North Dakota, but reservations are required. Tickets are \$25. For more information and to register visit <http://ndconference.com>.

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the Bismarck Kelly Inn. Call (701) 223-8001 and mention that you are with the North Dakota Council on the Arts to reserve a room at the state rate of \$74.70. Rooms are available at this rate on a first come, first-serve basis.

This event is sponsored by the Office of the Governor, the North Dakota Council on the Arts, and Arts North Dakota.

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